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SUBJECT: ASTRONAUT CHARLES DUKE VISIT TO STRASBOURG MAY 8-10

STATE PASS NASA FOR DENNIS WILLIAMS

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B) STRASBOURG 54

C) WILLIAMS/WOODS TELCON APRIL 24

1. AS AGREED REFTELCON, FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS SUPPLEMENT  
DRAFT PROGRAM TRANSMITTED STRASBOURG 54. PRINCIPAL OFFICER  
HOPES AND WILL BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE COLONEL DUKE STAY AT  
CONSULATE RESIDENCE DURING VISIT. SUGGEST DUKE BEGIN VISIT  
IN MULHOUSE RATHER THAN STRASBOURG WEDNESDAY MORNING, DUE TO  
PROXIMITY OF FIRST EVENT. REQUIRE REPLIES TO QUESTIONS  
POSED PARA 3 BY APRIL 30 TO ALLOW POST TO CONFIRM PROGRAM  
COMMITMENTS.

2. DRAFT PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY MAY 8:

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11.00 - CONSUL GENERAL WOODS MEETS DUKE AT HOTEL FRANTEL

IN MULHOUSE(4, PLACE CHARLES DE GAULLE. TEL: 42.99.13). IF  
DESIRED CONSULATE CHAUFFEUR CAN PICKDUKE UP IN BERN AT 9.30  
AND DRIVE HIM 90 MINUTES TO MULHOUSE.

12.30 - INFORMAL LUNCHEON DEBATE WITH YOUNG FRENCH ROCKET  
ENTHUSIASTS, AT SIMPLE ALSATIAN RESTAURANT IN VILLAGE OF  
ENSISHEIM (30 MINUTES FROM MULHOUSE). ENSISHEIM IS HOME OF THE  
KRUST BROTHERS, WELL-KNOWN IN FRANCE FOR 25 SUCCESSFUL  
LAUNCHES OF ROCKETS MEASURING UP TO 4 METERS AND TO ALTITUDES  
OF OVER 15 KILOMETERS. THE KRUSTS ATTENDED APOLLO 16 LAUNCH  
AT CAPE KENNEDY AT NASA INVITATION. PRESS AND TV WILL BE  
PRESENT.

15.30 - INTERVIEW IN COLMAR (30 MINUTES FROM ENSISHEIM)  
WITH DERNIERES NOUVELLES D ALSACE, REGION S PRINCIPAL DAILY  
WITH A CIRCULATION OF 200,000.

16.00 - VISIT ALSATIAN WINE ROUTE. TOUR MEDIEVAL VILLAGES  
OF OBERNAI AND MITTELBERGHEIM IN FOOTHILLS OF VOSGES MOUNTAINS,  
AND VISIT TI VINEYARDS AND CAVES OF ALSATIAN WINE EXPERT AND  
VINTNER PIERRE SELTZ. PRESS COVERAGE PROBABLE.

19.00 - ARRIVE STRASBOURG, CONSULATE RESIDENCE, FOR FAMILY  
DINNER AND OVERNIGHT.

THURSDAY, MAY 9:

08.30 - ARRIVE COUNCIL OF EUROPE FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH  
STAFF OF SCIENCE COMMITTEE OF CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY.

08.45 - PRESENTATION BY COLONEL DUKE (ONE HOUR AND 15 MINUTES)  
BEFORE COUNCIL PARLIAMENTARIANS, SCIENTIFIC EXPERTS, PRESS  
AND TV, DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

- 20 MINUTES COMMENT ON APOLLO 16 MISSION DURING  
PROJECTION OF FILM TO COMMITTEE
- 15-20 MINUTES REMARKS ON POST- APOLLO AND US/EUROPEAN  
SPACE COOPERATION
- 30 MINUTES OF Q AND A WITH PARLIAMENTARIANS, EXPERTS

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AND PRESS

11.00 - INAUGURATION EXHIBITION OF LUNAR ROVER, IN STRASBOURG,  
UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF FRENCH REGIONAL TV. ORGANIZERS EXPECT  
AUDIENCE OF 150 LOCAL LEADERS AND MEDIA. THEY WOULD APPRECIATE  
10 MINUTE EXPLANATION OF ROVER, FOLLOWED BY Q AND A WITH PRESS  
AND OTHER VISITORS. (EMB PARIS PAO BURNETT ANDERSON WILL  
JOIN DUKE FOR INAUGURATION AND BALANCE OF THURSDAY PROGRAM).

13.00 - LUNCHEON BY COUNCIL OF EUROPE SECRETARY GENERAL , LUJO TONCIC-SORINJ. ABOUT 24 GUESTS INCLUDING LAFAYETTE DESCENDANT AND BACCARAT PRESIDENT RENE DE CHAMBRUN, ASSEMBLY PARLIAMENTARIANS AND EUROPEAN SCIENTISTS.

14.45 - PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF BACCARAT ENCASED EUROPEAN FLAG CARRIED ON APOLLO 16, AT EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS. SECRETARY GENERAL TONCIC WOULD APPRECIATE BRIEF REMARKS BY COLONEL DUKE. SUGGEST 2 OR 3 MINUTES ON SYMBOLIC IMPORTANCE OF FLAG S JOURNEY TO US/EUROPEAN COOPERATION WITH REFERENCE TO TANGIBLE BENEFITS REALIZED THROUGH BIOSTACK EXPERIMENT, DEVELOPED UNDER COUNCIL AUSPICES AND CARRIED APOLLO 16 AND 17.

15.00 - OPTIONAL BRIEF VISIT TO PLENARY SESSION OF CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY.

AFTERNOON AND EVENING FREE.

FRIDAY, MAY 10:

07.45 - DEPART CONSULATE RESIDENCE

08.55 - DEPART STRASBOURG ENTZHEIM AIRPORT

10.15 - ARRIVE PARIS

3. WILL APPRECIATE WASHINGTON S EARLY COMMENTS ON ABOVE PROGRAM, AND SPECIFICALLY:

A) CONFIRMATION OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PLANS AND WHETHER CONSULATE CHAUFFEUR SHOULD MEET COLONEL DUKE AT HIS HOTEL IN BERN.

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B) ARE VARIOUS SPEAKING COMMITMENTS ACCEPTABLE IN FORM AND SUBSTANCE, PARTICULARLY THAT BEFORE ASSEMBLY SCIENCE COMMITTEE, THURSDAY AM. ASSEMBLY PLANS TO ANNOUNCE TO PRESS THAT DUKE WILL GO BEYOND APOLLO 16 TO BROADER DISCUSSION OF POST-APOLLO AD US/EUROPEAN SPACE COOPERATION.

C) STUDENTS WILL BE BUSED FROM STRASBOURG AND SURROUNDING REGION TO VISIT LUNAR ROVER DISPLAY DURING ONE WEEK EXPOSITION IN STRASBOURG. PROMOTORS HAVE REQUESTED 3000 APOLLO STICKERS OR SIMILAR GIVE-AWAY ITEMS. PLEASE ADVISE IF NASA HAS SUCH ITEMS FOR NO COST DISTRIBUTION AND, IF SO, CAN AIR MAIL TO CONSULATE VIA APO 09777.WOODS

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